

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI
EASTERN DIVISION

WILLIAM CARTER,

Petitioner,

vs.

ALAN BLAKE,

Respondent.

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Case No. 4:06CV01683 ERW

ORDER

This matter is before the Court upon review of petitioner's application for a writ of habeas corpus brought pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254.

Petitioner's application for habeas relief has not been filed on a court-provided form. Both this Court's Local Rule 2.06(A) and Rule 2(d) of the Rules Governing Section 2254 Cases in the United States District Courts give this Court the authority to order petitioner to amend his petition by filing it on a court-provided form. Because of the manner in which the instant petition is drafted makes it difficult to review, the Court will order petitioner to amend it.

Therefore,

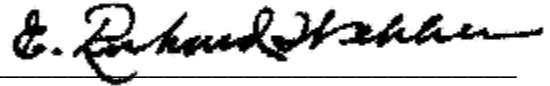
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Clerk of Court shall forward to petitioner with a copy of this order the court-provided form for filing a "Petition under 28 U.S.C. § 2254 for Writ of Habeas Corpus by a Person in State Custody" (AO Form 241).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that petitioner shall complete this form in its entirety and return it within thirty (30) days from the date of this order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if petitioner fails to complete and return this form within thirty days, the Court will dismiss this action without prejudice.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that upon petitioner's filing of the form petition, the Clerk shall resubmit this matter to the Court for review pursuant to Rule 4 of the Rules Governing Habeas Corpus.

So Ordered this 16th Day of February, 2007.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "E. Richard Webber", written in a cursive style.

E. RICHARD WEBBER
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE